

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application and entry of the amendments above are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 were pending. Claims 1-5 were rejected. Claims 6-11 were objected to. Claims 1, 4 and 6 have been amended as discussed below. Claims 2, 3 and 5 have been canceled. Claims 1, 4 and 6 to 11 are pending in the present application.

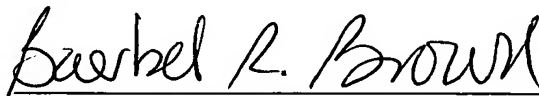
The Examiner has issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) in response to the Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111 filed on August 18, 2004. The Examiner indicated that Claims 1, 4 and 6 of the Amendment did not provide the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each Claim cannot be identified.

Applicants hereby correct the Claim status identifiers for Claims 1, 4 and 6 by replacing the "amended" status identifier with the "Currently amended" status identifier. Applicants hereby re-submit the entire Amendments to Claims Section of the August 18, 2004 Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111, including the corrected status indentifiers for Claims 1, 4 and 6, within the one month time period to avoid abandonment.

In view of the above correction of status identifiers for Claims 1, 4 and 6, Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111 of August 18, 2004 be reconsidered.

Respectfully submitted,

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